

**BACCALAURÉAT
SESSION 2012**

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LANGUE VIVANTE 2 : ANGLAIS

SÉRIE : A2

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PART ONE: READING (40%)

Health Tests Required of all Before Marriage

Brides and grooms in the ¹UAE will soon have to prove to the court magistrate marrying them that they have shown each other the results of eight mandatory health tests before they will be allowed to tie the knot.

5 A new law is being drafted, part of the Health Minister's decree 214 for 2006, to ensure that no one goes into a marriage ignorant of the fact that their partner could be carrying HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis, tuberculosis, blood group RH, sickle-cell anaemia or thalassaemia.

10 "The judge will not perform the marriage unless he has the medical reports from both. The bride and groom also have to see each other's results," said Dr Amin Al Amiri, director of Blood Transfusion and Research services and co-chairman of the UAE's Higher Scientific Committee for Premarital tests.

The test applies to any person, of any nationality or religion, who is looking to marry within the UAE.

15 "But no one will stop anyone from marrying, even if they test positive for a number of the illnesses. It is a human right to marry, but they must know their results," the official added.

20 "The aim of this protocol is to protect the community from having children with diseases, such as serological problems or blood disorders. Secondly, we want to protect couples from the serology and viral diseases transmitted through sexual contact.

"We are working for the sake of the community and for the sake of the inhabitants of the UAE to have healthy people in the country, regardless of nationality, religion, age or colour," Al Amiri explained.

25 As part of the decree, the Ministry of Health will also offer help to those who test positive for any of the eight conditions.

"We want to give them the guidelines and protection strategies. If we find one or both are infected with any type of disease, our responsibility is to provide them with the vaccination and treatment needed," the official added.

30 The committee is to meet next week to finalise the network and infrastructure needed to enforce the ruling.

"There are a certain number of things to be done before centralising the tests in the country. There is no need to be impulsive, we want to do it in a proper way and precisely," Al Amiri added.

35 He said other diseases, conditions and genes may also be added to the list for testing, depending on the need.

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Note: ¹U.A.E: United Arab Emirates

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A/ Vocabulary: As you read the text, find the words or phrases whose meanings are below. Write your answers like the example. Example: 1. obligatory = mandatory

- 1- obligatory (L.2)
- 2- get married (L.3)
- 3- written (L.4)
- 4- make sure (L.5)
- 5- if he does not have (L.8)
- 6- objective, purpose (L.17)
- 7- in the interest of (L.21)
- 8- without taking into account (L.22)
- 9- key points (L.26)
- 10- give (L.27)
- 11- apply (L.30)

B/ Comprehension questions: Write short answers to these questions about the text.
(About 2 lines)

- 1- What will new couples have to do before getting married in the UAE?
- 2- What are the eight medical tests new couples will have to carry out before marriage?
- 3- Does the rule apply only to the nationals of the UAE? Justify.
- 4- Can the results of the tests prevent the celebration of the marriage? Justify
- 5- State the objective(s) of the new law.
- 6- How far does the new law protect the community?
- 7- Who is in charge of working on the new law?
- 8- How does the government try to reassure people about the new law?
- 9- Is the decree going to be applied immediately?
- 10- Will there be new tests to be added to the eight on the list?

PART TWO: WRITING (40%)

Do **only one** of the tasks below, on your answer sheet.

A/ After studying the text «*Health Tests Required of all Before Marriage*», your teacher asked you to say whether you agree or disagree with the UAE new law. Give reasons to support your position. Your contribution will be sent to a magazine called The Emirates Today to be published. (20 to 25 lines)

B/ “Prevention is better than cure”, people say. To what extent does this statement apply in the case of HIV/AIDS. Your contribution will be published in your school magazine.

The ideas below can help you.

- you spend too much money once the virus is in the body;
- until now, no medicine to cure AIDS;
- better to do one’s HIV test;
- abstinence before marriage;
- avoid using syringes already used, etc.

PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (20%)

A/ Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the box. There are more words than blanks.
Write your answers like the example. Example: 1- to

wandering – bothered – quickly – mine – pick – to – stare
– embarrassing – next to – enough – caught – aside

My husband has roving eyes

We have been married for five years. He is a very good-looking man. My husband is a wonderful man, a good father (1) ... our two children. (2) ... from being my husband, he is also a friend.

My problem is that my husband loves to (3) ... at other women. He can stare so hard that it can be (4) ... Well if he does it when I am not with him, then I wouldn't be (5)...; but he sometimes seems to forget I exist when I am standing (6) ... him.

Once he came to (7) ... me from work but I wasn't ready, so he had to wait and I (8) ... him looking sparkly-eyed at a co-worker of (9) ... I felt so bad. He does that all the time and now I am beginning to think I am not good (10) ... for him. How do I get him to keep his eyes from (11) ...?

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B/ Choose the correct word or form of the word to fill in the gaps in the letter below.

Number 1 is an example: 1 - would

Dear Martha,

(1) ... (would/will/should) you rather he looked at other men? Who said your husband can't look at other women just because he is married to you? The next time you catch him (2) ... (stare/staring/stares), block his vision with a wave of your hand in front of his eyes to make him (3) ... (knowing/to know/known) you are around. You need to have a frank chat with him – Aside from (4) ... (giving/give/to give) the impression he is flirting with the women, it (5) ... (was/is/has been) rude to stare. Let him know (6) ... (which/what/how) his actions bother you. It's important you make your stand clear to him. You need to emphasize that if he (7) ... (was/were/is) to flirt, you are not going to take it laying down.

(8) ... (Furthermore/In addition/However) you need to give him the benefit of the doubt, maybe he just doesn't mean to stare, and is unaware if he (9) ... (do/does/did). I guess he (10) ... (has been looking/looks/is looking) at beautiful women, so he is just (11) ... (appreciate/appreciating/appreciates) God's creations.

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